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**Title:** METHOD FOR POSITIONING SHEETS OF GLASS IN A VERTICAL ASSEMBLY AND  
PRESS DEVICE FOR INSULATING GLASS PANES

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

Before beginning prosecution on the merits, please amend the newly submitted application described above as follows:

In the Claims:

**Claims indicating changes:**

1. (amended) Method for positioning glass sheets [(24, 25)], that are arranged in pairs one opposite the other, in a vertical assembly and pressing device for insulating glass panes which is part of a production line for insulating glass panes, in which a first glass sheet [(24)] and a second glass sheet [(25)] carrying a spacer [(27)], intended for an insulating glass pane, are fed into the assembly and pressing device in upright position, standing on a horizontal conveyor and leaning against a first supporting device [(1, 31)], the assembly and pressing device comprising an arrangement consisting of two pressure plates [(1a, 2a)] that can be transferred from a first position, in which they are inclined in opposite directions, to a second position in which they are positioned one in parallel to the other, by